




Academic Senate

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY

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To: Jason Stajich, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Stefano Vidussi, Chair 
Committee on Educational Policy

RE: Proposed Presidential Policy SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccination Program

The Committee on Educational Policy reviewed the proposed Presidential Policy for the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) Vaccination Program at their May 7, 2021 meeting.

The Committee noted concern that the proposed policy's guidelines to verify vaccination status (III.A.2) suffer from the lack of availability of a uniform, verifiable documentation. Moreover, in III.A.3a there is no provision of how unvaccinated faculty, students, and staff who do not fall in the exception category will be prevented from access on campus: in fact III.A.3b can be construed as permitting access on campus under heightened (if vague) precaution measures, as it does not specify that the paragraph applies solely to exempted individuals. The Committee recommends that the policy be updated to address these concerns.

Additionally, the Committee noted concern that the requirements for non-medical exceptions were vague: in (II. Exception) the eligibility to exception is described in terms of highly subjective terms, without mention of which authority has the jurisdiction of determining what constitutes "beliefs, observances, or practices, which an individual sincerely holds". The Committee recommends that the policy on non-medical exceptions be revised to be more restrictive. It was noted that in the current policy for vaccinations non-medical exceptions are not considered and several members requested that the proposed policy similarly limit exceptions to medically justified exemptions.